

House Resolution 2159

By: Representative Richardson of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and expressing appreciation to the General Assembly's information technology
2 staff; expressing thanks to the individuals and organizations involved in the creation of the
3 new legislative computer network; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in the late spring and early summer of 2005 the General Assembly of Georgia
5 embarked on a massive and daunting project, to wit the complete redesign and replacement
6 of its aging and inadequate computer systems and network, with the project required to be
7 completed on an extremely short timeline before the 2006 legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, a partial listing of the scope of this project includes the replacement of
9 numerous network servers and the installation of a new server room; extensive testing and
10 rewiring of network connections; the reworking of more than 25 wiring closets; the
11 installation of a wireless public access network and routers, switches, firewalls, and other
12 equipment; the replacement of more than 500 individual workstations; the installation,
13 testing, and optimization of network and workstation software; and the provision of training
14 to users; and

15 WHEREAS, this project was completed on time and in a highly successful manner, as
16 evidenced every day in the operations of the General Assembly during the 2006 session; and

17 WHEREAS, many individuals contributed in many important ways to this project, making
18 it beyond the scope of this resolution to name them all, but they know who they are and they
19 represent many different officers and offices of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and
20 the General Assembly, as well as personnel assisting from the executive branch of
21 government; and

22 WHEREAS, the General Assembly's contract vendor, Transparent Technology, Inc., and
23 contract manager, Novacoast, performed in an exemplary manner, working long hours with

1 outstanding effort and going above and beyond that which was necessary to make the
2 installation succeed and complete their contract duties in a timely and commendable manner;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, this project involved not only hardware and software, but also the
5 reorganization and reinvention of the General Assembly's information technology
6 department; technology alone is of no value without people to implement it; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislative information technology staff has now evolved into an outstanding
8 organization, providing a very high level of support and service, with competent, friendly,
9 courteous, and dedicated staff members always ready to be of assistance, solve problems, and
10 make the process work.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 this body hereby expresses its appreciation to the General Assembly's information technology
13 staff for their vitally important role in the functioning of the legislature and also expresses
14 its thanks to the many individuals and organizations involved in the creation of the new
15 legislative computer network.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Scott Henry, director of
18 the legislative information technology department, Transparent Technology, Inc., Novacoast,
19 and other appropriate parties.